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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b)) Attorney Docket No. AF01159 First Inventor Hui et al. Title AN INNOVATIVE METHOD OF HARD. . . Express Mail Label No. EL827282267US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents. ADDRESS TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, DC 20231

1. [x] Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) 2. [] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. 3. [x] Specification [Total Pages 14] - Descriptive title of the invention - Cross Reference to Related Applications - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix - Background of the Invention - Brief Summary of the Invention - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) - Detailed Description - Claim(s) - Abstract of the Disclosure 4. [x] Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 2] 5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2] a. [x] Newly executed (original or copy) Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d)) b. [] (for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed) i. [] DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b). 6. [] Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76 7. [] CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix) 8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary) a. [] Computer Readable Form (CRF) b. Specification Sequence Listing on: i. [] CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii. [] paper c. [] Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS 9. [x] Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)) 10. [] 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) [x] Power of Attorney 11. [] English Translation Document (if applicable) 12. [x] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 [x] Copies of IDS Citations 13. [] Preliminary Amendment 14. [x] Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized) 15. [] Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed) 16. [x] Other: Request and Certificate Under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i)

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
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114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

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Total Claims 23 -20** = 3 x 18.00 = 54.00
Independent Claims 3 -3** = - x 84.00 = -
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40.00
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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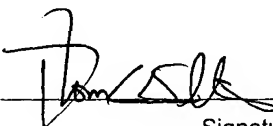
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REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)	First Named Inventor	Hui et al.
	Title	AN INNOVATIVE METHOD OF HARD MASK REMOVAL
	Atty Docket Number	EL827282267US

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

November 7, 2001

Date


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